

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a video image, comprising:
receiving a video data stream and an associated data stream corresponding to the
video data stream by a computer system;

utilizing a command protocol that, at least, specify a coordinate scale, support
video screen position and scaling, specify background color, specify background pattern,
text placement, font size, font color, icon to be used, icon position, layering of graphic
images on screen, height and width of selection region, specify a command to be
performed when the selection region is selected, and a color palette to be used, wherein
each command is pre-pended with an address and an identifier to specify one or more
receivers; and

displaying the video image defined by the video data stream on a display device
of the computer system and performing an interactive command function specified by the
associated data stream, wherein the interactive command function comprises a command
that specifies a set of parameters that determines an area on a display surface of the
display device for placement of a selection window that corresponds to the video image,
wherein the interactive command function further comprises a command that specifies an
interactive command that is performed if a user selects the selection window.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the video data stream is
received during a series of scan intervals of a video frame and the associated data stream
is received during a vertical blanking interval of the video frame.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the video data stream and the
associated data stream each comprise a series of digital communication packets, each

digital communication packet having an identifier that indicates the video data stream or the associated data stream.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interactive command function comprises a command that specifies a set of parameters that determines an area on a display surface of the display device for placement of a video display window that contains the video image.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interactive command function comprises a command that specifies a set of parameters that determines an area on a display surface of the display device for placement of a graphical object that corresponds to the video image.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the interactive command function comprises a command that specifies a set of pixel data or graphical description commands that correspond to the graphical object.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
receiving, by a computer system, a video stream and a data stream synchronized to the video stream, the data stream specifying at least one graphical command, wherein the graphical command comprises a command that specifies a set of parameters that determines an area on a display surface of the display device for placement of a selection window that corresponds to the video image, wherein the interactive command function

further comprises a command that specifies an interactive command that is performed if a user selects the selection window;

generating a video scene defined by the data stream onto a portion of a display screen of the computer system; [[and]]

performing a graphical operation on the display screen defined by the command;
and

performing an interactive command function specified by the associated data stream, wherein the interactive command function comprises a command that specifies a set of parameters that determines an area on a display surface of the display device for placement of a selection window that corresponds to the video image, wherein the interactive command function further comprises a command that specifies an interactive command that is performed if a user selects the selection window.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising receiving an audio stream synchronized to the video stream and playing the audio stream through an audio subsystem of the computer system.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the video stream is coded in a series of video scan intervals of a video signal and the data stream is coded in a series of nonvideo scan intervals of the video signal.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the data stream specifies a graphical object for display on the display screen.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the graphical command specifies a color palette for the display screen.

14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the graphical command specifies placement of a graphical object on the display screen.

15. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the graphical command specifies a set of parameters that define selection regions on the display screen.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the graphical command specifies a selection device for picking the selection regions on the display screen.

17. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the graphical command specifies text for display on the display screen.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the graphical command specifies placement and format of the text including font, color, and point size.

19. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the data stream comprises a series of data packets and wherein the step of receiving a video stream and a data stream synchronized to the video stream includes the step of filtering the data packets according to a destination address of each data packet.

20. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the data stream comprises a series of data packets and wherein the step of receiving a video stream and a data stream synchronized to the video stream includes the step of filtering the data packets according to a source address of each data packet.

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